

**MINUTES
of the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**November 9-10, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe**

The sixth meeting of the Economic Development and Policy Committee was called to order by Senator Carrie Hamblen, chair, on November 9, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. in the House Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Carrie Hamblen, Chair
Rep. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (11/10)
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Joshua Hernandez
Rep. Georgene Louis
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Kristina Orteiz (11/9)
Sen. Michael Padilla (11/9)
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Rep. Linda Serrato
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. Pat Woods (11/9)

Advisory Members

Rep. Christine Chandler (11/9)
Sen. Crystal R. Diamond
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill (11/9)
Rep. Pamelya Herndon (11/10)
Rep. Susan K. Herrera (11/9)
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (11/10)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Sen. Bill Tallman (11/9)
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Absent

Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Rep. Willie D. Madrid

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Rep. Alonzo Baldonado
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria
Rep. Ambrose Castellano
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos
Rep. Derrick J. Lente
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Marian Matthews

Rep. Matthew McQueen

Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm
Rep. Andrea Romero
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser

Guest Legislator

Sen. Harold Pope (11/9)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Peter Kovnat, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Tom Kricka, Staff Attorney, LCS
Sara Wiedmaier, Research Assistant, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Tuesday, November 9

New Mexico Hydrogen Policy: Key Climate, Equity, Financial and Economic Challenges (10:16 a.m.)

Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, executive director, Western Environmental Law Center; Julie McNamara, deputy policy director, Climate and Energy, Union of Concerned Scientists; Jessica Keetso, organizer, Tó Nizhóní Ání; and Joseph F. Hernandez, Diné energy organizer, Native

American Voters Alliance Education Project, discussed a new hydrogen policy for the state and the key climate, equity, financial and economic challenges. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=11/9/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

Approval of Minutes (11:56 a.m.)

Upon motions made, seconded and duly passed, the minutes of the August 18-20, 2021, September 13-14, 2021 and October 12-13, 2021 meetings of the committee were adopted without changes.

Commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy (11:58 a.m.)

Jim DesJardins, executive director, Renewable Energy Industry Association-New Mexico, presented on commercial property-assessed clean energy. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=11/9/2021&ItemNumber=2>.

Broadband Update: Telecommunications Parity as a Way to Promote Investment in Broadband in New Mexico (2:00 p.m.)

Senator Padilla and Leo Baca, director of government affairs, Lumen, provided an update on broadband and discussed telecommunications parity as a way to promote investment in broadband in the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=11/9/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

Utilizing Utility Easements for Broadband Transmission (3:20 p.m.)

Senator Padilla and John Hopkins, Public Service Company of New Mexico, presented on using utility easements for broadband transmission. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20110921%20Item%204%20C%20Utility%20Easements.pdf>.

Public Comment (3:42 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 3:52 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:18 a.m.

Right to Start Act (9:20 a.m.)

Victor Hwang, founder and chief executive officer, Right to Start, and Jason Grill, founder, JGrill Consulting, discussed the Right to Start Act. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20110921%20Item%205%20Right%20to%20Start.pdf>.

Economic Development Department (EDD): An Overview of Rural Recovery and Planning Efforts (10:40 a.m.)

Johanna Nelson, C.Ec.D., strategic program development coordinator, EDD; Alex Greenberg, financial program specialist, EDD; Jennifer Myers, statewide recovery coordinator, EDD; and Daniel Gutierrez, MainStreet director, EDD, provided an overview of rural recovery and planning efforts. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20110921%20Item%206%20Recovery%20and%20Planning%20Efforts.pdf>.

Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement (11:49 a.m.)

Mr. Kovnat presented legislation for committee endorsement. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=11/9/2021&ItemNumber=7>.

Motion to Endorse Legislation (11:50 a.m.)

Upon motions made, seconded and duly passed, the committee unanimously endorsed the bill providing that seed cotton module transport vehicles are agricultural product transport vehicles (.221428.1) and the bill to make an appropriation to the New Mexico Livestock Board to initiate and maintain a system of meat inspections (.221297.1).

Update on 2021 Liquor Law Reforms (1:34 p.m.)

Andrew Vallejos, director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Regulation and Licensing Department, and Phillip Sanchez, division counsel, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Regulation and Licensing Department, provided an update on 2021 liquor law reforms.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.